

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 116–**

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At the end of title II, add the following new subtitle:

1           **Subtitle F—Innovators to**  
2           **Entrepreneurs Act of 2020**

3   **SEC. 271. SHORT TITLE.**

4           This subtitle may be cited as the “Innovators to En-  
5   trepreneurs Act of 2020”.

6   **SEC. 272. EXPANDED PARTICIPATION IN I-CORPS.**

7           Section 601(c)(2) of the American Innovation and  
8   Competitiveness Act (42 U.S.C. 1862s–8(c)(2)) is amend-  
9   ed by adding at the end the following:

10                   “(C) ADDITIONAL PARTICIPANTS.—

11                           “(i) ELIGIBILITY.—The Director, in  
12                           consultation with relevant stakeholders, as  
13                           determined by the Director, which may in-  
14                           clude Federal agencies, I-Corps regional  
15                           nodes, sites, or hubs, universities, and pub-  
16                           lic and private entities engaged in tech-  
17                           nology transfer or commercialization of  
18                           technologies, shall provide an option for

1 participation in an I-Corps Teams course  
2 by—

3 “(I) Small Business Innovation  
4 Research Program grantees; and

5 “(II) other entities, as deter-  
6 mined appropriate by the Director.

7 “(ii) COST OF PARTICIPATION.—The  
8 cost of participation by a Small Business  
9 Innovation Research Program grantee in  
10 such course may be provided—

11 “(I) through I-Corps Teams  
12 grants;

13 “(II) through funds awarded to  
14 grantees under the Small Business In-  
15 novation Research Program or the  
16 Small Business Technology Transfer  
17 Program;

18 “(III) by the grantor Federal  
19 agency of the grantee using funds set  
20 aside for the Small Business Innova-  
21 tion Research Program under section  
22 9(f)(1) of the Small Business Act (15  
23 U.S.C. 638(f)(1));

24 “(IV) by the grantor Federal  
25 agency of the grantee using funds set

1                   aside for the Small Business Tech-  
2                   nology Transfer Program under sec-  
3                   tion 9(n)(1) of the Small Business  
4                   Act (15 U.S.C. 638(n)(1)); or  
5                   “(V) by the participating  
6                   teams.”.

7   **SEC. 273. I-CORPS COURSE FOR COMMERCIALIZATION-**  
8                   **READY PARTICIPANTS.**

9           (a) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out the I-Corps pro-  
10   gram described in section 601(c) of the American Innova-  
11   tion and Competitiveness Act (42 U.S.C. 1862s–8(c)), the  
12   Director shall develop an I-Corps course offered by I-  
13   Corps regional nodes, sites, or hubs to support commer-  
14   cialization-ready participants. Such course shall include  
15   skills such as attracting investors, scaling up a company,  
16   and building a brand.

17           (b) ENGAGEMENT WITH RELEVANT STAKE-  
18   HOLDERS.—In developing the course under subsection (a),  
19   the Director may consult with the heads of such Federal  
20   agencies, universities, and public and private entities as  
21   the Director determines to be appropriate.

22           (c) ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS.—The courses devel-  
23   oped under subsection (a) shall—

24                   (1) support participants that have completed an  
25           I-Corps Teams course; and

1           (2) support participants that have made the de-  
2           cision to take an innovation to market.

3 **SEC. 274. REPORT.**

4           Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment  
5 of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States  
6 shall submit to Congress a report containing an evaluation  
7 of the I-Corps program described in section 601(c) of the  
8 American Innovation and Competitiveness Act (42 U.S.C.  
9 1862s–8(c)). Such evaluation shall include an assessment  
10 of the effects of I-Corps on—

11           (1) the commercialization of federally funded  
12           research and development;

13           (2) the higher education system; and

14           (3) regional economies and the national econ-  
15           omy, including private financing, public financing,  
16           and other company growth metrics, as practicable.

17 **SEC. 275. FUNDING.**

18           (a) IN GENERAL.—Out of amounts otherwise author-  
19 ized for the National Science Foundation, there is author-  
20 ized to be appropriated a total of \$5,000,000 for fiscal  
21 years 2020 and 2021 to carry out the activities described  
22 in section 273 and the amendment made by section 272.

23           (b) LIMITATION.—No additional funds are authorized  
24 to be appropriated to carry out this subtitle and the  
25 amendments made by this subtitle, and this subtitle and

- 1 such amendments shall be carried out using amounts oth-
- 2 erwise available for such purpose.

